

MINUTES

North Dakota State Water Commission Telephone Conference Call Meeting Bismarck, North Dakota

January 17, 2001

The North Dakota State Water Commission held a telephone conference call meeting in the Governor's conference room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on January 17, 2001. Chairman, Governor John Hoeven, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM, and requested Assistant State Engineer, Dale L. Frink, to call the roll. The Chairman announced a quorum was present.

STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Governor John Hoeven, Chairman

Jeff Olson, representing Roger Johnson, Commissioner, Department of
Agriculture, Bismarck

Florenz Bjornson, Member from West Fargo

Elmer Hillesland, Member from Grand Forks

Jack Olin, Member from Dickinson

Robert Thompson, Member from Page

STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Judith DeWitz, Member from Tappen

Larry Hanson, Member from Williston

Harley Swenson, Member from Bismarck

OTHERS PRESENT:

Dale L. Frink, Assistant State Engineer, State Water Commission, Bismarck

Robert Harms, Governor's Office, Bismarck

William Goetz, Governor's Office, Bismarck

Julie Krenz, Assistant Attorney General, Bismarck

State Water Commission Staff

The attendance register is on file with the official minutes.

The meeting was recorded to assist in compilation of the minutes.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There being no additional items for the agenda, Chairman Hoeven announced the agenda approved as presented.

**RESIGNATION OF -
DAVID A. SPRYNCZYNATYK,
NORTH DAKOTA STATE ENGINEER,
AND CHIEF ENGINEER-SECRETARY
TO THE STATE WATER COMMISSION,
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2000**

Effective December 31, 2000, David A. Sprynczynatyk resigned as the North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission. He was appointed to serve this position by the State Water Commission on July 7, 1989. Mr.

Sprynczynatyk was employed with the North Dakota State Water Commission since 1972. Letter of resignation is attached hereto as **APPENDIX "A"**.

At the request of Governor John Hoeven, Mr. Sprynczynatyk assumed the duties as the Director of the North Dakota Department of Transportation on January 2, 2001.

**DESIGNATION OF -
DALE L. FRINK, AS INTERIM
NORTH DAKOTA STATE ENGINEER,
AND CHIEF ENGINEER-SECRETARY
TO THE STATE WATER COMMISSION,
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2001**

It was the recommendation of Chairman Hoeven that the State Water Commission designate Dale L. Frink, Assistant State Engineer, as the interim North Dakota State Engineer, and the Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water

Commission, effective January 17, 2001. Mr. Frink is designated to serve in this position until such time as the State Water Commission fills the position.

It was moved by Commissioner Olin and seconded by Commissioner Thompson that the State Water Commission designate Dale L. Frink, Assistant State Engineer, as the interim North Dakota State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary to the State Water Commission, effective January 17, 2001.

Commissioners Bjornson, Hillesland, Olin, Thompson, Jeff Olson representing Commissioner Johnson, and Chairman Hoeven voted aye. There were no nay votes. The Chairman announced the motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Hoeven outlined the process for the selection of the North Dakota State Engineer, and recommended the State Water Commission appoint the following people to serve on the State Engineer's search committee. He said it is his intent the search committee recommend three candidates for the North Dakota State Engineer's position to be appointed by June 1, 2001:

Jack Olin, State Water Commission Member, Dickinson - *Committee Chair*
Harley Swenson, State Water Commission Member, Bismarck
Robert Harms, Governor's Office, Bismarck
Warren Jamison, Garrison Diversion Conservancy District, Carrington
Michael Dwyer, North Dakota Water Users Association, Bismarck
Dave Koland, North Dakota Rural Water Systems Association, Bismarck
Dennis Hill, North Dakota Rural Electric Cooperatives, Bismarck

It was moved by Commissioner Hillesland and seconded by Commissioner Bjornson that the State Water Commission approve the membership of the State Engineer's search committee as recommended.

Commissioners Bjornson, Hillesland, Olin, Thompson, Jeff Olson representing Commissioner Johnson, and Chairman Hoeven voted aye. There were no nay votes. The Chairman announced the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business to come before the State Water Commission, Governor Hoeven adjourned the telephone conference call meeting at 3:30 PM.

John Hoeven
Governor-Chairman
North Dakota State Water Commission

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Dale L. Frink
Interim North Dakota State Engineer,
and Chief Engineer-Secretary
North Dakota State Water Commission